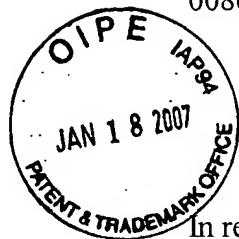


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al.)
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Application No.: 10/810,550)
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Filed: March 29, 2004)
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For: INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC)
AGENT DETECTION PROBE :)
AND PROBE SET, CARRIER,)
AND GENETIC SCREENING :)
METHOD) January 17, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the article listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the article, together with an English-language translation, is enclosed.

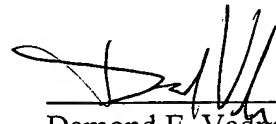
The listed article was cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Chinese Official Action, which is dated November 17, 2006, is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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